

Questions & Answers

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1. Reference: Section L-Attachment A, Referenced Documents and Organizational Internet URL
Address Information: TRW Small Business Contracting Plan,
<http://www.ymp.gov/seb/trwsbcontplan00.pdf>.

The possibility of a typographical error exists in Sections 1.(b)(i) through (iv) and Section 1.(c) of the referenced plan. The plan itemizes the dollars committed to Small, Small Disadvantaged, Women-owned Small Business Concerns, and HUBZone businesses in "millions," but probably should read "thousands." Does the DOE agree with this interpretation (i.e., replace millions with thousands)?

Answer:

The correct numbers which should be in the subcontracting plan are as follows:

Section 2.(b)	Small business is \$24.187M
	SDB is \$2.109M
	WOSB is \$2.109M
	HUBZone is \$600K

Section 2.(c) All planned subcontracting \$42.179M

2. Reference: Paragraph L.4(c)(1) pertaining to Key Personnel Interviews and Resumes. "The interviews will be composed of a two-hour group interview with all key personnel who are present...."

May the offeror limit the key personnel who will be participate in the group interview or must all personnel designated as key in the proposal be present?

Answer:

It is up to the Offeror to decide how many of the designated key personnel are present.

3. Reference: Paragraph L.6(b) Interviews, General. "DOE will provide space in Las Vegas, Nevada for the interviews."

a) May the Offerors have access to facility where the interviews will be held to evaluate spacing, lighting, sound conditions, and the appropriate media for presentation(s)? If yes, (1) When will such access be available? (2) Will the Offerors be allowed to videotape the room(s) for planning purposes?

If no, will the DOE provide a diagram of the room indicating dimensions and wall space, as well as extent and placement of furnishings?

b) May Offerors rearrange equipment and room furnishings on the day of the their respective interviews to optimize the configuration/conditions for their presentation(s)?

Answer:

a)(1) and (2). These are interviews and not presentations, therefore, we do not feel it necessary to provide access to the room ahead of time. We will provide the room layout to those who submit the form, "Offeror Intention to Submit an Offer," Section L.31.

b) We do not expect the Offerors would need to rearrange the furniture in the room, however, you may rearrange the media apparatus between the time of the General Interview and the Closing Remarks.

4. Reference: Paragraph L.6(c), Interviews, Media. "Offeror may use any means it wishes to make its closing statement at the end of the interviews." May various media be used (including overheads, slides, powerpoint presentations, videos, and/or electronic demonstrations) during the interview process other than for the closing remarks.

Answer:

We would expect the Offeror to use the media equipment we provide, as identified in L.6(c), for the interviews. The Offeror may use any means it wishes to make its closing statement, however, the Offeror will need to provide any additional equipment you may wish to utilize

5. Reference: Section L.2(i), Paragraphs (1),(3),(4), and (5) pertaining to proposal specifications.

Paragraph L.2(i)5 addresses converting the text to meet the CD-ROM requirement. Paragraph L.2(i)3 states that photographs, drawings, and maps can be included on the CD-ROM. If the proposal is prepared using Desktop Publishing software and converted to meet the CD-ROM requirement, will the Government/DOE accept the baseline MS Word 97 documents without the graphics integrated into the text?

Answer:

While DOE prefers the graphics to be integrated, we will accept the baseline MS Word 97 documents without the graphics integrated into the text.

6. Reference: Paragraphs H.35 (Environment, Safety, and Health) and C2.17.0 (Building Management Functions).

H.35 and C2.17.0 imply that part of the project would be subject to DOE Authorization Agreement/Authorization Basis oversight and part subject to NRC regulations. Is it DOE's intent to have such an oversight system?

Answer:

It is not our intent to utilize Authorization Agreements.

7. Reference: C2. Work Requirements 1.0 General Management Guidelines, L.4, and L.5(a) dealing with the fee splits based on deliverables.

C2 1.0 and L.4 state that the Program Milestone for the Site Recommendation is "Secretarial Decision Whether to Recommend Site to the President...July 2001." The same statement is made in L.4. However, in L.5(a), which discusses the Offeror's maximum Total Available Fee, the specific performance-based incentive for the Site Recommendation is based on "DOE Issuance of Site Recommendation to The President." The Site Recommendation Schedule differentiates between the Secretary's decision on the SR, and the Secretary's submitting the SR to the President. Please clarify which action determines meeting the Site Recommendation milestone and the associated fee.

Answer:

The DOE Issuance of Site Recommendation to the President is the correct milestone. The RFP will be amended so that all milestone references are consistent.